

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CATHOLIC CHURCH

Pastor: Rev. C. Todd Lloyd

Deacon: Bob McDonner

Religious Education:

Rachel Christ

Music Coordinator:

Becky Boudreaux

Sunday Masses: 7:00, 9:00, and 11:00 AM

Sat. Vigil: 4:00 PM

Daily Masses:

Wed-Fri. Eucharist 8:00 AM & **Tues.** 6:00pm

Care of the Sick: Emergency calls immediately. The Eucharist is brought to the sick weekly. Families of those who are sick are encouraged to notify the Parish Office.

**P.O. Box 158
Lakeland, LA 70752**



**Parish Office 627-5124
Religious Education Office 627-5819
Immaculateconceptionlakeland.com**

Reconciliation: Saturday Vigil 4:00 PM. Saturday 3:00 PM and Tuesday 5:30pm

Marriage: Couples are asked to contact the priest at the beginning of the period of engagement or at least six months prior to the projected date of marriage.

Baptism: Celebrated monthly except during Lent & Advent. Please contact the Parish Office during early months of pregnancy. Baptism preparation is required.

Scriptures for the Week

Monday: Acts 6:8-15; Ps 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30;
Jn 6:22-29
Tuesday: Acts 7:51 — 8:1a; Ps 31:3cd-4, 6, 7b, 8a,
17, 21ab; Jn 6:30-35
Wednesday: Acts 8:1b-8; Ps 66:1-3a, 4-7a; Jn 6:35-40
Thursday: Acts 8:26-40; Ps 66:8-9, 16-17, 20;
Jn 6:44-51
Friday: Acts 9:1-20; Ps 117:1bc, 2; Jn 6:52-59
Saturday: Acts 9:31-42; Ps 116:12-17; Jn 6:60-69
Sunday: Acts 13:14, 43-52; Ps 100:1-3, 5;
Rv 7:9, 14b-17; Jn 10:27-30

Your Stewardship

Collection \$9,489.00
Building Fund \$2,420.00

Sick List

Dina Bello McAdams, Sharron Allement, Cleveland Allement, Daniel Allement, Linda Armand, Hazel Armond, Janelle Amond, Craig Aguiard, Mary Lois Alexander, Rudolph P. Antoine, Clarence Armand, Russ Armand, Julie Ashtin, Gary Aucoin, Verna Bankston, Ronnie Barlow, Rebecca Beard, Butch Beauvais, Linda Beauvais, Racheal Bello, Chad Bellelo, Mary Grace Bernard, Adeline Bonaventure, Chestin Boudreaux, Cheryl Bouquet, Hannah Boutee, Liz Breaud, Inez Bueche, Donald Butcher, Dorothy Butler, Peggy Cazayoux, Connie Cearley, Carl Chenevert, Earl Chustz, Gwen Chustz, Charles Chustz, Jean Chustz, Leroy Chustz, Benedict Cline, Kristy Cobb, Mabel Collette, Sadie Collins, Lee Comeaux, Brittany Costello, Sam Costanza, Barbara Coutrado, Jake Coutrado, Gary David, Grant Joseph Delatte, Gary Denson, Betty Dickerson, Felton Dickinson, Luke Dickinson, Deanna Lieux Ducote, Delta Dugas, Stacie Eirick, Wilfred Fleming, Daniel Firmin, Rachel Gaudin, Jerome Fontenot, Angie Fulmer, Zane Gabor, Theresa Gautro, Carmella Genusa, Alfred Gremillion, Charles Gremilion, Moise Galtier, Randy Gremillion, Erin Gross, Cindy Gueho, Celeste Guidroz, Leo Guidroz, Marilyn Guidroz, Dana Guzzardo, Brooklyn Hebert, Betty Honore, Margaret Hooper, Shirley, Hymel, Bert Jarreau, Jr. Helen Jarreau, James Robert Jarreau, Jessie Jarreau, Laura Jarreau, Noah Jarreau, Ronald Jarreau, Wanda Jarreau, Larae Lewis Johnson, Judy Jones, Marie King, Kayla Kinler, Black Lalonde, Ida Langlois, Avery Laurent, Antoinette LeBlanc, Jeffrey LeBlanc, Roderick LeBlanc, Marilyn LeDuff, Jacob Laiche, John E. Landry, Eva Lalonde, Larry Lee, Kay Lee, Randy Levi, Anthony Lopinto, Margie Marioneaux, Hartense Manchester, Aaron McLemore, Breanna McDonald, Alan Meadow, Ralph Mezat, Cheyenne Michalsky, Bernadine Moore, San Juana Moreno, Danielle Moses, Anthony Olinde Sr., James Olinde, Jonathan Olinde, Patricia Olinde, Shane Roy Olinde, Frieda Parks, Mason Part, Corey Patin, Greg Patin, John Patin, Paul K. Patin, Mark Patin, Tren Patin, Sr., Jeff Plauche, Tricia Plauche, Haley Ponthieux, J.O. Porche, Gladys Porche, Irvis Pourciau, Leon Prevot, Jr., Brenda Puttle, Christina Quigley, Joyce Ricard, Donald Richard, Barbara Rizet, Mary Roubiqueynn Rusk, Brenda Singletary, Lonnie Shasse, Angel, Raven and Amil Snell, Martin Smiley, Melanie Spears, Eric Stone., Connie Rozarto, Emily Taylor, Hank Ryan, Qwen Trabeaux, Brenda Tuttle, Debbie Wheeler, Bobby Williams, Jalen Williams, Joyce York.

Prayer Request

Please remember all of our troops overseas, especially members of Immaculate Conception Parish Family:

Timothy Harleaux, Marines; Lance Corporal Metoyer, Marines; P.F.C.; SPC ; Timothy J. Loucks, Corporal U.S. Marine; Lance Corporal Gary R. Major, Jr., Corporal; Private First Class; Captain Jordan Morirs.; Lieutenant Stephen Burleigh, Jr.; MT2 Jacob Lamotte., Sgt. Greg Silva, Army

This Week at I.C.

4/13 Choir Practice @ 6pm.

4/17 First Eucharist @ 1pm.

Sympathy

The Sympathy Of Immaculate Conception Church Parish Family is extended to:

Family of Joseph Wayne Lorio.

To Patti Aguiard and Family on the death of her father, Joseph Aguiard.

Congratulations

To Ryan Fontenot and Lauren Hurst who were married here on April 2, 2016.

**PLEASE JOIN BOY SCOUT
TROOP 66 FOR A
COMMUNITY ROSARY
SERVICE ON
APRIL 16, 2016 AT 2PM.**

**MASS SCHEDULE
THIS WEEKEND**

**SATURDAY –4:00 PM. IN CHURCH.
SUNDAY –7:00AM. IN CHURCH AND
10:00 AM IS AT THE FAIRGROUNDS**

In Christ,

One of the joys of being Catholic is that we are encouraged to enjoy life. Not that we are excessively take pleasure in the world, but that we understand that God has given us good things as a glimpse of His own goodness. At times we fast and deny ourselves the things of the world for the sake of refining ourselves and to break attachments. These are reminders that we are not created for this world but for God. At other times we should, with moderation and control, appreciate the good things of creation. Anytime we enjoy that which is true, good, and beautiful we are enjoying something that reflects the truth, goodness, and beauty of God.

Throughout the history of the Church there has been a custom to celebrate certain days with feasts. We still refer to days honoring saints and events in salvation history as "Feast Days." I'd like to think that our fair is a participation in this long held Catholic custom. We are celebrating life and appreciating the gifts of God during the Easter season.

G.K. Chesterton once wrote: "Do not enjoy yourself. Enjoy dances and theaters and joy-rides and champagne and oysters; enjoy jazz and cocktails and night-clubs if you can enjoy nothing better; enjoy bigamy and burglary and any crime in the calendar, in preference to the other alternative; but never learn to enjoy yourself."

This saying alone could give a false impression of how Chesterton thinks we should live. His point is that we should take joy in things outside of ourselves. The music lover should be so because he enjoys music, and not because he enjoys *being* a "music lover." One is appreciation of an art, the other is conceit. But I think Chesterton's point goes further than this. Our human nature seeks out God in all of our needs, desires, and curiosities. When we seek out the enjoyments of the world we are, in some base way, actually seeking out God. But when we instead enjoy ourselves we are not seeking God anymore, but making ourselves gods. It's no wonder that the egotist is never happy; nothing can measure up to who and what he fancies himself to be. Think of the dissatisfied food connoisseur who always has a critique – his enjoyment of *being* a connoisseur has made it impossible for him to actually enjoy the food.

But to be clear, Chesterton would also say enjoying life is not the same as forfeiting our freedom to those joys because of excess. This is the opposite of enjoying things. The moment one *needs* something is the moment enjoyment ceases.

The life of a Christian does not *need* dance, music, theater, joyrides, drinks and good food. But neither does enjoying these things stand contrary to the life of a Christian. When we remember that *only* God satisfies the soul and that we are not God, then we can enjoy the things of life in a balanced way for what they are; tiny glimpses of God's love.

Totus Tuus,
Fr. Todd Lloyd

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2016

Barnyard Roundup

Come join us for fun, fellowship and faith as we learn that Jesus cares and provides for us, now and forever, no matter what.

Date: July 11-15

Time: 9:00 am-Noon

Ages: children must be 3 years old by Dec. 31* through entering 4th grade

Registration Fee: \$25.00

Must be pre-registered

before July 3, 2016

*limited space available for children that are 2 years old

*Registration forms available outside the Office of Christian Formation. For more information or to volunteer, please contact Skye Johnston @ 627-5819.